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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 253,000 head as of January 1, 2016. The latest inventory was up 2 percent from last month's inventory, and also 2 percent above January 1, 2015. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during December 2015, no change from the previous month but 19 percent below the December 2014 marketings of 26,000 head. An estimated 31,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2015, 15 percent above last month and 19 percent above the December 2014 placements of 26,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 5,000 head, was up 4,000 head from last month and up 2,000 head from last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2016 totaled 247,000 head, up 1,000 head from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2016 totaled 6,000 head, up 3,000 head from one year ago.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2016. The inventory was slightly below January 1, 2015. The inventory included 7.16 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.41 million head, down 7 percent from 2015. January 1, 2016 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total January inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.53 million head, 1 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.45 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 355,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 440,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.67 million head, 1 percent above 2014. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 head during December, 8 percent above 2014.

For a full copy of the January 2016 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.